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and of John R. Rice

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20.

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More About Heaven

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(Stenographically reported. Continued from last week.)

Will We Know Each Other In Heaven?

The question arises, will we know our loved ones when we meet them in Heaven? The answer is without a shadow of a doubt, we certainly will! Perfect, immortal, glorified, resurrection bodies will look very, very much like the mortal, corrupt, earthly bodies from which they will be made. All of us then in the next world, both in Heaven and Hell, will have perfect memories and we will recognize each other. Elisha knew Elijah even after he was translated and caught up to the Lord in a whirlwind and a chariot of fire. Jesus, after His resurrection, was recognized by His disciples. He had the same scars in His hands, the same wound in His side. Even doubting Thomas was convinced against his will that it was the Saviour.

Lazarus and Abraham knew the rich man in Hell and he recognized them, Lazarus whom he had known and Abraham whom he had never seen. All three, saved and lost alike, remembered the things that had transpired on earth and knew about the five lost brothers who

were yet alive. Certainly, in Heaven with perfect knowledge and perfect memory and with physical, recognizable bodies, we shall know each other.

Elijah and Moses certainly knew each other and knew Jesus when they met on the mount of Transfiguration and they all knew and there discussed the future atoning death of Jesus on the cross, "His decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem." People in Heaven, then, know what is transpiring on earth though they do not communicate with us. Hebrews 12:1 says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses," which indicates that the Christian dead look down upon us and are concerned about the race we run here. In Revelation 6:9-11 we are given a glimpse of "the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held," and we are told that "They cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" These martyred saints in Heaven, interested in what is going on on the earth

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Attend Oklahoma City Bible School, April 11-18

BROTHER OWNBEY AND BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH MAKING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT EVERYWHERE; BRETHREN T. MYRON WEBB, SAM MORRIS, W. E. HAWKINS, JR., E. L. BANTA, SCOTT W. HICKEY, H. C. OWNBEY, JOHN R. RICE AND OTHERS TO SPEAK

Bro. E. L. Banta is in a ninety day revival with the Bible Baptist Church of Oklahoma City of which Bro. H. C. Ownbey is pastor. God is blessing with souls saved, fine attendance, a growing Sunday School and the manifest presence of God.

They are rapidly maturing plans for the annual eight day Bible School at Bible Baptist Church which will be held this year, April 11th to the 18th. People will attend from far and near and we believe that the fellowship, teaching, preaching and singing will be used of God to bless all who attend. Bro. Sam Morris of *The Voice of Temperance* broadcast, known to so many thousands in every state in the Union, will preach three times the first Sunday of the Bible School, April 11th. Brother W. E. Hawkins, Jr., will be present and speak, God willing, three times on Sunday, April 18th. We expect him also to be present on Tuesday. Other speakers expected, who have promised to take part are T. Myron Webb, evangelist, Bible teacher and editor of *Enid, Oklahoma*; Evangelist E. L. Banta who is unusual both as a preacher and singer; Brother Scott W. Hickey, pastor of the Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle at Decatur. Brother Ownbey, we feel sure, will be persuaded to speak by the many who have been blessed hitherto by his

services. The editor of *The Sword of the Lord* has been invited to be present and speak each week-day of the Bible School and has accepted. He has been asked to speak on prophecy, "The Coming Kingdom of Christ" or Daniel and Revelation.

We are asked to announce that bed and breakfast will be furnished ministers and their wives, free. Expenses will be very light and we trust God will send a fine crowd from several states.

What Music There Will Be

Brother W. G. Stroh has been asked to take charge of the music with the assistance of Brother Banta and Brother Roy Pickens. Since Brother Stroh is our helper in Dallas we cannot say as much about his singing as we would like to. God has blessed him with a superb voice and he sings with the Spirit. Brother and Sister Banta will sing and they have a gift from God that is most unusual. And to these will be added, we are sure, Brother Lee Kidd, enthusiastic song leader.

We suggest that you make your plans, if possible, to attend the Oklahoma City Bible School and write Brother H. C. Ownbey, 3100 So. Harvey, Oklahoma City, to that effect as soon as possible. We hope Brother Ownbey will give further details of the program for *The Sword of the Lord* to publish later.

"What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

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These Very Bodies To Be Raised

"How say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?" Paul asked the question long ago, and it still needs to be asked today. For many, even among Christians, make the mistake of thinking that "resurrection" means merely continued spiritual life after the death of the body, or the replacing of the dead body by another body. Resurrection means the rising again of the body that went down in death: transformed, glorified, but the very body that died. When there is so little emphasis upon this miracle of bodily resurrection today, it is refreshing to find a clear statement about it in *The Sunday School Times* of April 22, 1865. Here is part of the message of that Easter Number of more than seventy years ago. "Who has not felt, as he stood by the open grave of one most dear, and looked down on the closed lid which shut out from his anguished view the form so well beloved, what a glorious hope we have in the promises of a resurrection? The thought that the precious dust will rise again, in a new and perfect form, is one most comforting to the stricken heart. We have cared for the poor clay so tenderly, have seen through it alone the manifestations of that inner life which we know can never die, that it is a double anguish to think of our buried treasure being lost to us forever. But of all the works which God has wrought, what can seem more wonderful than that all the dead shall rise? Think of the dust of centuries which the old earth covers! Think of the thousand new forms into which the particles of these bodies have been resolved—into the waving trees, the fruit and grains of the earth, again to circulate through the veins of living beings! Some tossed by the wild waves of the sea to the four quarters of the globe, yet in all their wanderings watched by an all-seeing eye, and ready at the moment of his bidding to haste and join their fellows, to build up once more the crumbled tenement for the soul. Nothing shall be wanting to make the identity perfect. 'It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.' Yet we know it shall be our very bodies still."

—The Sunday School Times

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Scientific Accuracy of The Bible

Some Proofs of the Absolute Reliability of The Word of God

The God that made the world gave the Bible! The Bible is the WORD of God; creation is the WORK of God. Those two absolutely agree. The "scientific" books that men write are out of date in ten years because they are composed so largely of unproven theories, guesses, hypotheses. The Word of God is never out of date. Science has not yet caught up with the Bible.

Science once taught that the earth was flat. The Bible has always taught that it was round. The Bible mentions the four points, quarters or directions; North, South, East, West, but there is not a reference in the Bible that indicates that the earth is flat. Bible writers may have thought so but Bible writers did not write what they thought; they wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. So the Bible is scientifically accurate and teaches not man's false impressions, but God's wisdom.

Bible Teaches Earth Is Round

Isaiah 40:22 says, "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in." The word translated circle here means circle, circuit, revolution or roundness. God it is who sits upon the circle or roundness of the earth.

The Lord Jesus knew that the world which He had made was round. Speaking of His second coming, Jesus said, "For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day" (Luke 17:24). His coming will be sudden, that is to all

parts of the earth as quick as a flash of lightning from the east to the west. Yet at the same time Jesus taught that it would be night on one part of the earth with people in bed. Verse 34 of the same passage says, "I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other left." When He comes it will be morning on part of the earth with women grinding the meal for the day for in verse 35 He says, "Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left." It will also be midday on part of the earth, with men working together in the field, for Jesus said in verse 36, "Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left." At one instant of time it will be night in one part of the earth, morning in another part of the earth and midday at another part. That could only be possible with the earth round, rotating continually toward the sun. Jesus stated the matter in exact scientific terms centuries before the smart-alec scientists knew anything about the roundness of the earth or its rotation! I had rather risk the Bible than the scientists. They are too far behind to trust.

Not only does the Bible teach that the earth is round, that it turns on its axis, making day and night, but the Bible clearly teaches that it is suspended out in space. The scientists who believed that the earth was flat had various opinions about it. Some thought that the earth was upheld on a giant elephant, others that it was supported on pillars and others that it floated on water. Human wisdom did not discover until the

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The Editor's Mail

LETTERS BEARING NEWS OF CONVERSIONS, REQUESTS FOR PRAYER AND COUNSEL, CALLS FOR REVIVALS AND BIBLE CONFERENCES, AND PRAISES FOR BLESSINGS

If you could see the mail that comes to us here at the offices of *The Sword of the Lord*, I know you would be greatly blessed by it as we are. Glance with us at a few letters that have come in the last two or three days.

Here is a letter that came yesterday from Granbury, Texas:

"Dear Brother in Christ:

"I am sending you two dollars to use as you see fit, for I am satisfied you will use it for the Lord.

"I am praying for you and family, also for your helpers every day, and I want your prayers for me and my boys and girls.

"I surely get a great joy reading your paper.

"Mrs. J. A. A."

Back of that sweet letter is a story. In 1932 as I preached the gospel daily on Radio WBAP at Fort Worth, an old Confederate veteran, 77 years old, in Granbury, Texas, heard the radio messages. Either he or some of his family sent for my mimeographed booklet on *What Must I Do To Be Saved?* (Since printed in tens of thousands of copies). This dear old man trusted Christ as His Saviour and wrote to tell me so. I

suppose that I never saw his face. From time to time I heard from him and his wife. They heard me when I was on the radio. Not long ago the word came that he had gone on to Heaven.

And now comes the letter from his widow, saying, "I am praying for you and family, also for your helpers every day." She requested prayer for her boys and girls, and sends \$2.00 for the Lord's work for she says, "I am satisfied you will use it for the Lord." She reads *The Sword of the Lord* and says, "I surely get a great joy out of reading your paper."

And so thank God, we take new courage and are willing to work over-time, far into the night as we often do and sacrifice and pray to get out the paper with the gospel.

Young Preacher Writes "Because I Am Depending On You More Than You Think"

From Weatherford, Texas, comes a heartening letter from a young preacher. Here are some quotations from his letter. "You probably won't know me and who is writing you, but I know you very well." He tells how when he was only a little boy several years ago

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he heard me preach and said, "I was only a small lad then, but I will never forget it."

"I have been called in the ministry to preach the gospel to a lost and dying world, I was ordained a little over a year ago. I work during the week days and preach on Sunday."

"I want to know if you are planning to have a Bible School in the spring. If you are, I want to attend."

"I want to subscribe for your wonderful paper soon. I get so much good from it." "Brother Rice, I want you to take time to write me and just talk like you knew me always, because I am depending on you more than you think."

"I will close for a while, but I want you to pray for me so I can preach the gospel stronger than ever before."

"I am very anxious to visit your church. Pray for me."

"Yours truly,

"J. C. L.

Weatherford, Tex.

May God bless this young preacher who reads *The Sword of the Lord* (somebody subscribed for him. He hopes to renew soon). He plans to visit us in Dallas and particularly attend our Bible School.

For this young man who says, "I am depending upon you more than you think" may God help me to be true, to make *The Sword of the Lord* what it ought to be, to make our Bible School and church

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"I Have Just Read Your Sermon On Heaven"

The words of encouragement we get from readers of *The Sword of the Lord* show that the paper is being blessed of God to many hearts. It takes such a little time for people to tell of their blessings. Because we get hundreds of letters praising God for particular messages in *The Sword of the Lord*, we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. The following letter came yesterday. Don't you like it?

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I have just read your sermon about Heaven, and I am so happy. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Thank God for Heaven! It's real. It's real to me. How my heart cries out for Heaven. I know my Saviour has prepared a place for me, and will be coming soon to take me to Heaven to be with Him and all the redeemed gone on before. Every time I read your book, *The Coming Kingdom of Christ*, Heaven and the heavenly host become more real to me. Enclosed is \$1.00 for the glory of God. God bless you, Brother Rice, and every member of your great soul winning church."

"Mrs. I. E. Q."

Minister Sees Light On Salvation By Grace, Resigns From Lutheran Pastorate

Something over two years ago a Lutheran minister in North Dakota wrote me. Some of my literature

had fallen into his hands. I sent him copies of my paper and he subscribed. Later he wrote me on a number of doctrinal points. He was particularly interested in the question of baptismal regeneration, that is, as to whether a baby receives a new nature when sprinkled. According to the teachings of Lutherans, Episcopalians, and others, regeneration takes place at baptism, even of babies.

Following the Oliphant-Rice Debate in January, 1935, I had a number of articles in *The Sword of the Lord* proving that baptism is not essential to salvation. The Lutheran brother commended *The Sword of the Lord*.

Now comes this week a letter from our brother in North Dakota telling how he came to the conclusion that baptismal regeneration was wrong, a remnant of papal teaching contrary to the Bible. He resigned his work as pastor and in dignified and Christian language explained his position thoroughly to his people. They loved him still and bade him God speed. Though he had never had any connection with any other religious body or independent, undenominational work, this scholarly, consecrated man of God gave up his livelihood, friends and associates of a lifetime and left himself wholly on the mercy of God without salary, without connections, with no visible future. He had been widely known as a conference speaker and lecturer among his people and yet was broken hearted that his ministry did not result in any more straight out conversions.

The happy sequel is that a door opened for temporary service preaching the gospel. Then the opportunity became larger and larger and he has been preaching regularly three times on Sunday and several times during the week. God has provided means for the support of his family. His older daughter has been saved. He has peace in his heart. The whole city where he now lives is stirred as it has not been for many, many years, his friends say.

I wish I could give you the letter, but I have not permission to do so now. It is full of praise to God for His guidance and support. The letter also orders his subscription renewed to *The Sword of the Lord*. The readers will rejoice with me over the victory of this dear brother. The editor's mail is full of such good things.

Another Conversion Through the
Booklet, "What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

We have saved the best for the last. Yesterday morning's mail brought subscriptions, some offerings, changes of address, and letters from preachers — but the best of all we have saved to mention last. A postcard came telling of a conversion. The decision slip from the booklet "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" was copied on the postcard as follows:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Realizing that I am a sinner, and believing that Christ died for my sins, I here and now trust Him to be my personal Saviour, depending on Him to forgive all my sins, change my heart, and give me everlasting life as He promised to do. I am glad to confess Him as my Saviour and gladly mail this to let you know."

"D. L. H.
Nebraska Street
San Antonio, Texas."

Then the personal message was added:

"Brother Rice, I am to be baptized Sunday, which is tomorrow, March 14th. Please pray for me."

The letter was written last Saturday. On Sunday the writer was to be baptized. He did not say what congregation he was joining. This is just a glance of the editor's mail. Most of it came the same day, with other letters and cards not mentioned here. Perhaps you can see our responsibility and burdens and joys and join better in prayer for us.

"Surely enjoy your paper. May God continue to bless in your work."

"Mrs. R. J. F. —
Dawson, Texas."

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have it explained to them why we should wait in patience for justice to be done on earth! Certainly, then, people in Heaven knew each other, know how things are going on the earth, and in fact, know far more than we do here on the earth.

I Corinthians 13:9-12 says,

"For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

"10. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

"11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things:

"12. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

In this world we know only in part. Now we only see through a glass darkly. Now we only partially understand, but thank God one day we will see each other face to face, will know each other's hearts, yes, then we shall know even as we are known. In other words, we will know each other as God knows us, in that good time!

My mother, on her dying bed, looked up into Heaven and said, "I can see Jesus and my baby now." Do you suppose that was merely hallucination? No, no! She saw and recognized her baby who just a few months before had gone on to be with the Lord. After my mother bade us goodbye, closed her eyes and went to be with Jesus. I am sure she still could recognize her baby and all her loved ones gone on before.

I have heard the flimsy argument that in Heaven we could not be happy if we knew that some loved one was not there. The answer is this; we will love all people then, not merely and selfishly our own. And if some reject Christ and miss Heaven we will feel just as our Saviour does about it, that we are sorry they are lost but we know that God did right about it. Brother, if you get to Heaven, you will be mighty well satisfied with everything the Lord has done. Certainly we will know our loved ones in Heaven.

The Future Heaven Will Come
Down To Earth

There is another important word about Heaven I want to bring before I close. My friends, notice this. One day Heaven is going to come down and be on earth. I read many times this Scripture before I noticed this. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, COMING DOWN FROM GOD OUT OF HEAVEN, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Then in the same chapter, verse ten, "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, DESCENDING OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD." Yes, it is coming down. It is coming down to the earth. Did you ever wonder why it is called new Jerusalem? That is why. It has got to come down here and land at Jerusalem and be the center for the new earth, a new Heaven on a new earth. Yes, that holy city will only be the capital city. Abraham "looked for a city." He gazed out all over that country, the land of Canaan, and wondered just where the temple would be. The mansion I will have will come down. Yes, Abraham looked for a city.

As Abraham followed the will of God and camped on the prairies and valleys of Palestine, God said to him, "Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever" (Gen. 13:14, 15). The same promise was repeated to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and to David and Israel, that God in the future would give the land of Palestine as an eternal home of blessedness,

Heaven on earth, for Abraham and his seed (Gen. 17:8; Gen. 26:3, 4; Gen. 28:13; II Sam. 7:10; Ezekiel 37:25-27). All of these promises teach that the believing seed of Abraham will eventually have an everlasting possession in Palestine which would mean an eternal Heaven on earth.

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all died in faith not having received the promises. We are told of Abraham that "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:9, 10). Then in verse 13 we are told, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." They obtained possession of not even so much of that land as to put foot upon (Acts 7:5). But they knew that God would one day keep His promises and they looked forward to that wonderful city of God!

So here in Revelation we are told of how this holy city that Abraham

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SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY OF THE BIBLE

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day of Galileo, Columbus and Magellan that the earth was a ball, suspended out in space, hung upon nothing. But Job 26:7 says of God, "He stretcheth out the north over the empty places, and hangeth the earth upon nothing!" That is an exact and accurate scientific statement of fact given by divine inspiration many centuries before men had any other evidence that it was true. The Bible is the only absolutely reliable scientific Book in the world. Scientists are only learning a little of what God has done in His world. They guess at much but their guesses are often wrong. Not one proven fact of science contradicts the Bible.

Plants, Animals, Fishes, Birds, All Produce Only After Their Kind

Scientists have discovered in modern times the law that both plants and animals reproduce only after their kind. A cat may have kittens, some black, some spotted, but all will be cats. Horses may be bred for racing or draft purposes and may vary in size, color and disposition and yet they are always distinctively horses. A mare always foals a colt, never a calf. Mendel, the scientist, found that sweet peas could be bred shorter or taller but that they still always were sweet peas, nothing else. Children are not identical with their parents but they are always after the same kind.

It is an interesting thing that animals or plants, very close kin, may be crossed to produce a hybrid. For instance, the horse and donkey may be crossed and produces a mule. But here the scientific law steps in and proves itself for hybrids are always sterile. Mules never reproduce themselves. Plant wizards, so-called, have developed hybrid plants that are useful but these hybrids must be artificially reproduced, that is, by cuttings, etc., since they will not reproduce themselves by seed. The scientific law often proven is that plants, animals, fowls, and fishes all reproduce only after their own kind.

Evolutionists have been stumped by the hard facts in the case. They have never been able to produce a single example of evolution because of this unbreakable scientific law.

In modern times wise men have discovered this law but in the very first chapter of the Bible the Spirit of God inspired Moses to write it down! Plants, animals, fowls and fishes are particularly mentioned and in every case we are expressly told that they reproduce only AFTER THEIR KIND. Ten times in that chapter (once in verse 11, twice in verse 12, twice in verse 21, twice in verse 24, three times in verse 25) God said that living plants and animals should reproduce themselves only "after their kind" or "after his kind."

According to this law there may be developments within a species or kind but there cannot be evolution from one species or kind to another species or kind. The foolish evolutionary thought that man came from some lower form of animal life not only contradicts the Bible, it contradicts a well known and often proven scientific law.

"Science" is so slow to discover great scientific facts plainly stated in God's Word that the Christian is perfectly safe to believe the Bible on every point and to believe the scientists only when his point is proven beyond any shadow of doubt. In that case it will coincide with the Bible for THERE ARE NO SCIENTIFIC MISTAKES IN THE BIBLE.

"The Life Is In the Blood"

Modern science has now learned that life is maintained in a human body or in any animal body by the blood. It is the blood that assimilates food, carries it to the various parts of the body where it is formed into body cells, flesh, fat, organs, bone, teeth, nails or hair, etc. It is the blood that in the lungs assimilates the oxygen from the fresh air and gives off the carbon-dioxide from the body. It is the blood that repels disease germs, that heals the tissues, that mends broken bones. Body processes that constitute life are carried on by the blood. Without circulation of the blood to any part of the body,

that part would die very soon. When the heart stops, death ensues. Literally, "the life is in the blood." Science did not know this until comparatively recent times when the circulation of the blood was discovered. Physicians, the scientists of the day, up to little over one hundred years ago believed that bleeding a patient was good for many illnesses. Leeches were used to suck the blood or a vein was opened and blood removed. Doctors and scientific men had no idea that the blood circulated throughout the body. Sometimes they were very careful to take the same amount of blood from both wrists. It is supposed that George Washington died prematurely because treated by blood-letting after a severe cold. Circulation of the blood was first accurately described by Harvey in 1628. Not until since that time did the scientific fact become known that the life was in the blood.

But this scientific fact was clearly stated in the Bible more than once by divine inspiration. God told Noah just after the flood that the life of the flesh was the blood. In Genesis 9:4, 5 the Lord said, "But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man." The life is in the blood and that is the reason why God forbade the eating of blood. God repeated this teaching even more explicitly to the Jews through Moses and it was written down by divine inspiration in Leviticus 17:10-14. In verse 11 the Lord said, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood." Verse 14 says, "For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof." That passage states that God had appointed the blood upon the altar to make an atonement for souls. That explains why God commanded the sprinkling of the blood in the tabernacle and upon the altar, and why the blood of the Lord Jesus was poured out on the cross. If He had been stoned His blood would not have been poured out, so God had His Son crucified and had the spear to pierce His side so that the blood could be poured out as an offering. The reason is that the life is in the blood.

This scientific fact, declared by divine inspiration in the Word of God centuries ago, has now been accepted by scientists. But the scientists are so far behind God's Word that no intelligent Christian should ever doubt the Word of God because of the foolish and ignorant boasting of so-called scientists. The theories of men fail, one by one until little by little men come to see part of the truth which is only declared in the Word of God.

Thank God the Bible is scientifically accurate. Not a single scientific fact will ever be proven contrary to the Word of God.

Eight Days' Bible School Begins April 25 At Montrose, Colo.

We have just had a good letter from Brother C. O. Dotson, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church at Montrose, Colorado. This church stands for all the fundamentals of the faith and is affiliated with the national body, the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Brother Dotson is State Vice-President of that organization for Colorado.

We are glad to announce this Bible School as requested and trust it will be greatly blessed of God. If God opens the way, this editor hopes to be there as requested.

Brother Dotson's letter is as follows:

"Montrose, Colorado
March 13, 1937

"John R. Rice
Dallas, Texas

"Dear Brother Rice:

"At a regular business meeting of the Calvary Baptist Church, March 11th, we voted to hold an eight day Bible School, beginning April 25th.

Pre - Easter Noon Services At Texas Theatre Next Week

The Oak Cliff Pastor's Association is sponsoring special noon-day services next week, Monday through Friday, with a hope that all the churches in Oak Cliff will be well represented. The Texas Theatre will be used for the services which will open at 12:10 P. M., and close at 12:50. The forty minute service will be divided between song, praise, and special pre-Easter messages by the following speakers:

Monday, March 22, Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church.

Tuesday, March 23, Rev. Bert-ram L. Smith, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church.

Wednesday, March 24, Rev. T. F. Gallaher, pastor of Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church.

Thursday, March 25, Rev. S. A. Barnes, pastor of Tyler Street Methodist Church.

Friday, March 26, Dr. Leo Johnston, pastor of Oak Cliff Christian Church.

All of us know that Easter is not the exact anniversary of the resurrection of Christ. We do not believe that there is any spiritual profit in the usual Easter egg hunts and bunny rabbits of the Easter tradition. Yet the minds of many are turned toward religion and churches at Easter time, and we welcome every opportunity to call people toward God and worship. It will be blessed if these pre-Easter services and the Easter services following in the various churches can bring to the hearts of thousands a new contemplation of the death and suffering of Christ and his glorious resurrection from the dead.

I believe it is possible for Christians who believe the Bible and who love our Lord Jesus Christ to meet together in such united services without any compromise and do great good. All who can do so in good conscience should attend these services, mingle with their neighbors and friends of other churches and together hear the Word of God preached and be blessed.

Easter Sunrise services will be held in Lake Cliff Park Easter morning at 5:51. Rev. Kenneth Copeland, pastor of the Protestant Methodist Church in Trinity Heights is in charge.

The service is sponsored by young people's groups and there will be a large young people's choir. Rehearsal will be held at the Oak Cliff Y. M. C. A. at 3:00 P. M. next Sunday, March 21st.

"I take pleasure to write to you and let you know how much I enjoy your lovely paper you send me. It gives me such a blessing by reading it and makes me want to live a Christ life for I love my God. He has washed my sins away and I am glad I took Him as my Saviour a long time ago for he is the only Friend to have..." (Signed) Mrs. E. F. Binghamton, New York

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"Yours in Christ Jesus,
(Signed) "Mrs. G. H. Summit, South Dakota

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"We are hoping and praying for a great revival following same, providing God will send us the right man.

"Would you please mention this in your paper? May I hear from you soon?

"Yours and His,
(Signed) "C. O. Dotson, Pastor.

Readers' Comments

"I surely am enjoying The Sword of the Lord. It is a great blessing to me as were your messages in Phoenix. Inclosed find \$1.00 for four subscriptions to your paper for friends of mine." (Signed) Mrs. C. C. R. Yuma, Arizona

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"May God continue to bless you and your fine work is my prayer. (Signed) "Miss. O. C. Mt. Pleasant, Texas

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"Yours in Him,
(Signed) "J. E. C. Hudson, Mass.

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“HEAVEN”

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ham looked forward to, the new Jerusalem, will come down from God out of Heaven to be the capital city of Heaven on earth, to be literally a new Jerusalem, not Palestine.

God Selected Jerusalem As the Site of the Temple Hundreds of Years Ahead of Time

The Lord said to Abraham one day, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." He made that journey of three days . . . what heartbreak! Finally he took the fire and laid the wood upon the altar, bound his son and took a knife to slay him, but God said, "Stop, Abraham, I know you believe in me!" Abraham thought God would raise his boy from the dead. He then saw a ram caught in the thicket and killed it for a sacrifice. God had picked out that place eternally, as the site of Jerusalem and the temple.

The next time we find that place, Mount Moriah, mentioned, a plague was on the nation Israel and they were about to be consumed for their sin. God led David to go out to the outskirts of the city and buy the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, as a place to build an altar and offer sacrifices. He did that and the plague was stayed. That was at the same place, on or by Mount Moriah. The next time we hear about this place is in I Chronicles the third chapter, verse one which says:

"Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem in Mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David, his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite."

And so this holy spot where God has placed His name perpetually will be the site where the new Jerusalem will come down from God out of Heaven to the earth.

There will be a new garden of Eden on the earth, sin will be done away and the tabernacle of God will be with men and God Himself shall be their God for an eternity of Heaven on earth. Isn't that fine? Brother, I am going to be here!

Unregenerate Men Are Not Fit For Heaven

Another word, don't you know that men are not fit for Heaven? What would you do if you got to Heaven and you had a poor, frail mortal body and everybody had perfect bodies? If you had poor eyesight, ears not perfect, your body stooped with age, disease germs, decay—that would not be heaven! Oh, you are not fit to go to Heaven this way: where there is no sorrow, no crying, no pain, no death . . . You can't get to Heaven unless something happens to you. You must have something mortal man does not have, by nature, in both body and mind and soul. God alone can make you fit for Heaven.

Do you know what is the difference in Heaven and earth? This is it—Sin! There are folks like you on earth, folks like me: that is what is wrong with this earth! We are not fit for Heaven. No wonder the Saviour said, "Ye must be born again." And, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." You must be born again. Why should anybody have to argue that a sinner needs to be born again? Don't you know you are not fit for Heaven, not fit for the company of angels? You are not fit to walk those streets and eat of the tree of life and drink of those celestial waters, clear as crystal that proceed out from under the throne of God, not fit to see the holy face of God. You couldn't see His face and live. Sinners, don't you see we must be born again? This vile nature must be changed. You need a new heart, and a new nature. You must be a partaker of the divine nature. You need to be made into a child of God before you are fit for God's home and God's tabernacle. You must be born again! You need a change of heart!

This other thing becomes obvious. Can you just get ready and go up? Every airplane has a "celling." With extra care you

could get a little higher, put on more wings, a bigger motor and get a little higher. You can seal up the cabin of the plane, take an oxygen tank and supercharger and get a little higher. You can get in a stratosphere balloon, and you may get as high as twelve or thirteen miles, but you can't go any higher. You would never get to Heaven. You miss Heaven a million miles that way. The Lord has to take man to Heaven. Here is the whole secret. Jesus said, "I am the way." He said, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me." He said, "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." Thomas—Good old Thomas cleared lots of things for me. If he hadn't been there to ask questions I might be in doubt and troubled. But for his lack of faith for the Lord to explain away, what would we have done?—Thomas said,

"Lord, you say we know the way. I don't know the way. How are we going to get there?" Jesus said, "Thomas, I am the way, the truth and the life, and no man cometh unto the Father but by me. I am the way." Oh, if you have Jesus—

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
• Sweetest name I know.
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go."

If you have Jesus, you are safe for Heaven. That is all. If you have one to change your heart, to give you a name there, you can go. I have One who writes my record clear there, have one to intercede for me and have One who will sometime call me up and I will go, not because I climb up or fly, but because He calls me and brings me, He who made me, lifts me. That is the only way, just get taken to Heaven. If you don't get a free pass, you will never get there. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." Everybody who goes to Hell works his way, but the man who gets to Heaven was given a free ride for nothing! The blood of the Saviour paid for sinners, my friend, when you trust in Jesus for salvation. You will get to Heaven. No other way will do it. "This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

My dear friend, if you have Jesus, you have a home in heaven. You remember the story of the King who made a marriage for His Son and he bade many. He sent his servant to say, "All things are ready, mine oxen and my fattenings are killed, come to the marriage," and they made their excuses, but later some came. One man came not having on the wedding garment. A poor man couldn't dress fit for a wedding of the King's son. The king provided the wedding garment. He said, "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having on the wedding garment? And he was speechless. And the king said, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Outer darkness! Outside in the darkness are sorcerers, who're-mongers, the fearful and the unbelieving and the abominable and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie! On the outside! Oh, don't be outside!

Are You Ready For Heaven?

My friends, you surely know I wouldn't come tonight just to do some Bible teaching alone, however sweet this truth is. It would make me happier in Heaven to meet you there. You surely know I couldn't come just to give a lecture. If I could get you to be saved, who are unsaved, get your minds more set on Heaven, the rest of you, that is what I want. I want you to be ready for Heaven. And the only way is to take Jesus and be saved, have your sins forgiven, be born again while you can. Don't you want Christ? He is the only hope

for sinners. Don't you want forgiveness and salvation tonight?

This chapter, twenty-second chapter of Revelation closes with that marvelous invitation, "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." My friends, if you want it, you can have it. Heaven says, Come. The Holy Spirit, the saints all say "Come to Heaven." Even I say "Come." I want you. The Spirit says Come. The bride says Come. Everybody that hears ought to say come. Come on to Heaven! Whosoever will can come to Heaven. Your sins may be as scarlet, they can be white as snow in a moment. You may be a harlot but you can be saved. If your hands are dripping red with human blood, Jesus died for you. The way is all paid. He said, "Come to Heaven." The Spirit says come on, be ready for Heaven. Let every Christian say it, and tell people to come on and go to Heaven with me."

I have asked Brother Strohm to sing, "Tell Mother I'll Be There." Years ago a president's mother was dying. I think it was President McKinley's mother. His mother, back in Ohio, Cincinnati, I think, was very sick. The duties of state were very heavy upon him. He sent word, "Mother, I will come. I am awfully busy. The burdens are heavy, but when you let me know, I will come." One day his mother said, "You had better wire William." So they sent the wire, "If you want to see your mother alive, you must come." He wired, "Tell Mother I'll Be There." He drove to the station. They had a special train on the track steamed up and ready. They put everything on the sidetrack for this train as it rushed on through. When the train got to Cincinnati, the chief of Police had cleared the traffic off the streets, carriage and team were waiting. In a gallop they drove to the cottage where his mother lived, got out and went in. He was there in time to tell his mother good-bye. She said, "I knew you would get here." He saw his old mother and kissed her good-bye and she went on home.

That telegram, "Tell Mother I'll Be There" was put in the newspapers that day and a certain man read it when he got his mail. He saw that telegram the president had sent to his mother and thought of so many, many mothers in Heaven longing to see their children. He sat down and wrote the words of this song Brother Strohm is going to sing, "Tell Mother I'll Be There."

And as he sings it, my friends, I hope everybody here, preachers, other men, women will make a new resolve. Oh, let's make sure it is settled! Let the angels ring it in Heaven, "He'll be there. He trusted Jesus. He has been born again. He'll be there!" Let the mothers in Heaven hear it. (My mother is there!) Say thank God I will meet my mother and my Saviour and my loved ones in Heaven. I'll be there. As he sings,

you pray and may God open your heart to it.

"When I was but a little child
How well I recollect,
How I would grieve my mother
With my folly and neglect.
But now that she has gone to
Heaven

I miss her tender care.
Oh, Saviour, tell my mother I'll
be there.

Chorus
"Tell mother I'll be there
In answer to her prayer.
This message, blessed Saviour, to
her bear.

Tell mother I'll be there:
Heaven's joys with her to share.
Oh tell my darling mother I'll be
there."

Let's bow our heads before Bro. Strohm sings this next verse. I think it is not wrong for me to remember my mother in Heaven, not wrong for me to have a holy ambition to make a holy resolve that by the grace of God I will meet her. I wonder how many have mothers and fathers or wives or babies or someone very dear to you in Heaven? Let me see your hands. Thank you, God bless you. How many say, "Brother Rice, I thank God that my Saviour can give them the word that I am saved and I am ready and will be there because I trusted Jesus?" How many can say, "By the grace of God I will?" How many can say, "I am saved and I expect to be there. I have been born again?" Can you? Oh, my friends, if you are not saved, don't you want to be? Listen to another verse of it as Brother Strohm sings. Everybody pray. (With bowed heads, people listen while Brother Strohm sings)

"When I became a prodigal
And left the old roof tree,
She almost broke her loving heart
In mourning over me.
And day and night she prayed to
God
To keep me in His care.
Oh, Saviour, tell my mother I'll be
there."

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